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1. The Central Commercial Bureau of USIA has ordered 38 Diesel excavators, "Messer Huetten" type with a bucket capacity of 0.75 cubic meters, from Leobersdorfer Maschinenfabrik A.G. Excavator parts are to be manufactured by the USIA-controlled firms, J.M. Voith, Waagner-Biro A.G. and in the DDSG Winterhafen machine shops. These firms have already started work on this order, and the excavators are to be ready for delivery as soon as possible, or by September 1950.
2. These excavators and the Diesel locomotives now being repaired at Bahnbedarf A.G. are to be delivered to Kolmikov, a Soviet civilian in Vienna, allegedly a representative of Metalimport in Moscow.* Kolmikov is believed to have offices in the same building as the Soviet Trade Delegation in Wohllebengasse, Vienna IV. He is described as about 45 years old, slender, short, with greying hair; he allegedly speaks fluent English, and dresses with elegance.

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